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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified patent application:

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Stubstad et al.	3,867,728	February 25, 1975
Ferree	6,419,704	July 16, 2002
Casutt	2003/0045939	March 6, 2003

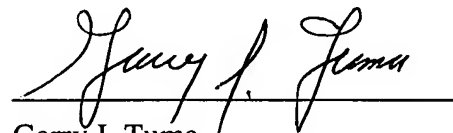
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EPO	EP 0 346 129 A1	December 13, 1989
PCT	WO 93/16664	September 2, 1993
PCT	WO 02/17825	March 7, 2002

The aforementioned documents are listed on the accompanying List Of References Cited By Applicants. Copies of the foreign patent documents are enclosed. In accordance with the revision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent documents are not enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of the List Of References, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

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**OTHER REFERENCES** *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

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